

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

<http://suvcw.org/mi/017/017home.htm>

Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Commander Ron Shull assigned Brothers to fill vacancies of absent officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander Ron Shull opened the meeting per Ritual at 7:06 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Aves, Bennetts, Haines, K. Harrison, Hoffman, Langworthy, J.B. Pahl, Peabody, Rehkoph, Rousseau, Roux, Shull, Shumway, Tooker, and Traub.

Brothers Excused: Burger, L. Coon, Z. Coon, Emerick, Goodyear, N. Harrison, Hiltz, Hodges, Lee, Lyons, Nash, J.A. Pahl, Shattuck, Smith, Stahl, and Thomas.

Guests included Department Commander Dennis C. Derr II, immediate Past Department Commander Richard Green, Steve Hainstock, and *Meaghan*.

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as transmitted; motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: It was reported that Brother Shumway's father recently had a stroke but is currently recovering. Also, it was reported that Brother Shattuck's son had undergone back surgery and also was in the process of recovering. The Camp wished a speedy recovery for both.

V. New Members and Initiations:

No membership applications were received by the Junior Vice Commander.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration –

Brother Arnold indicated that the Welsh Cemetery grave site of Samuel Grinnell needed attention. It is anticipated that all the work at the grave site could easily be taken care of over a weekend. There is a minor logistical issue since there is no city water supply in order to use the power washer cleaner, but there may be a chance to get a fire truck out there that can be tapped into.

It also was reported that Grand Army of the Republic Past Michigan Department Commander George Washington Stone was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery. His grave site also is in need of cleaning. It is anticipated that this could be a project for the Camp in 2008. A brief biography of George Washington Stone was read by Brother Arnold. It was suggested that the Camp could clean Stone's headstone and then conduct a rededication program. Links to a description of Stone when he was in the Civil, entitled *Albion's Little Drummer Boy*, are presented below:

http://www.albionmich.com/history/history_notebook/010520.shtml
and

http://www.albionmich.com/history/history_notebook/010527.shtml

GAR Monuments – Brother Arnold reported that the Grand Army of the Republic monument rededication on the lawn of the Ingham County Court House has been tentatively scheduled for July 4, 2008. Scott Shattuck of Camp 17 and members from Camp 58 have been actively involved in the restoration of the cannon monument. It is anticipated (and encouraged) that as many as possible of Camp 17's membership plan on attending. It was suggested that the Camp's colors also should be present at the program. More on this project can be found in the recent *Michigan's Messenger* (http://www.suvcwmi.org/messenger/V16_N3.pdf).

Eagle Scouts Certificates – Eagle Scout Coordinator Dave Rehkoph reported that there were two recent Eagle Scout Courts of Honor (R. Thomas Lessa and Logan C. Pecinovsky). Another Court of Honor will take place next week.

Membership – Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold introduced Steve Hainstock from Leslie, Michigan. The

Camp recently helped in the rededication of the Leslie Grand Army of the Republic Hall. Steve was the driving force in Leslie behind the program to reestablish the significance of the Hall to the citizens of Leslie. Steve was provided with a membership application.

Veterans Day – No report.

Military Affairs - No report

Patriotic Instruction: - No report.

Program and Publicity – No report (but also see Good of the Order)

Hall Restoration – No report.

Memorial Day Activities – No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

Secretary Harrison indicated that the Camp had received a letter from the Department of Maryland endorsing Brother James Hanby Sr. for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It was decided that there would be no action on this endorsement since it also will be looked at by the Department at the annual Department Encampment in April.

VIII. Grinnell Award. No report.

IX. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

X. New Business: There was no new business.

XI. Good of the Order: Junior Vice Camp Commander Arnold indicated that he had submitted a nomination of Mr. Jesse Lasorda (local Lansing, Michigan historian) for the Department's Abraham Lincoln Award. The recommendation documents Mr. Lasorda's contribution to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan. A motion was made and seconded to endorse Brother Arnold's recommendation and to forward that endorsement to the Department Commander; motion passed.

Treasurer Shumway related to the Camp that individuals interested in obtaining Civil War military research work from the National Archives should check the SUCVW Listserv (suvcw@rootsweb.com). Posted on the listserv was an offer from a young lady willing to go to

National Archives to do the requested research at a very reasonable rate. Her email is textlabooks@gmail.com.

Brother Arnold indicated that during 2008, the Camp will be hosting Civil War History Seminars to run in the months opposite of our Camp Meetings. Thus far, speakers have been secured to make presentation on topics ranging from the Assassination and History of Abraham Lincoln, the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters (Michigan's only native American unit), African American Units in the Civil War, Michigan Mechanics and Engineers, The Home-front During the Civil War, The History of the GAR and its Historical Artifacts, the History of Curtenius Guard and the GAR of Ingham Co, Michigan Historic Civil War Battle Flags and the Save The Flag Project. The programs most likely will take place in the Sunfield Community Room due the need for a larger venue for the programs.

Brother Arnold indicated he has been in contact with the Daughters about fostering a closer working relationship with the Helen Edwins Tent #30. There is a possibility of having a spring potluck, possibly in conjunction with Memorial Day (May 30th). More information will be forthcoming about this at the March meeting.

Brothers Arnold and Harrison talked briefly about the Governor's recent Executive Order creating the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Unlike other commissions created by the Governor, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission designation and assignment were assigned to the existing Sate History Commission. It was mentioned that maybe one thing that may come out of this might be some grants for monuments or Civil War related structures. The new Commission has had only one meeting and is just now in the process of determining what it is it wants to do to spearhead statewide celebration Michigan's participation in the Civil War.

Brother Arnold brought to the attention of the Camo the Maryland Department Luary-Carlisle Reunion Camp #181 selling of Christmas Ornament as a fund raiser (www.geocities.com/Bluegrayvirginians/SUVCWFundraisingChallenge.html).



The Camp challenged other SUVCW Department to purchase 250 ornaments prior to December 20, 2007. It is not known if there are still ornaments left or not, but the cost of the ornament was \$20.00. Contact Robert More, Camp Commander, Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp, 1519 Parkersbug Turnpike, Swoop, Virginia 24479 if interested.

Brother Arnold brought to the Camp's attention the possibility of having a Camp ring made available to the Camp Brothers.



The cost would be \$89.00 per ring if 10 or more are purchased; other wise each stainless steel ring would cost \$99.00 (see www.gordonsmasonicrings.com/catalog4.htm). It is envisioned that the rings would have the SUVCW logo on it along with the Camp's name. If there is enough interest, a design could be put together for submittal and approval by the National Council of Administration and then the rings could be made available. Contact Brother Arnold (arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net) if interested.

The Camp's participation in the upcoming April 2008 Abraham Lincoln Death Day program in Springfield, Illinois was discussed. The Camp had place a wreath last year. It was determined that the Camp will be represented and will present a wreath by some Camp representative. Details as to who will be going will be discussed via email prior to the March meeting.

Brother Pahl reminded the Camp of the upcoming April 26, 2008 Department Encampment to be held at the South Christian Church in Lansing.

Department Derr reminded the Camp membership of the Department's grant program called *Charge Bayonets! Project*. The Department established the program to actualize the goals envisioned by those who adopted the Strategic Plan at the Department Encampment in 2006.

The goals of the program are:

1. Development of Camps in areas of low service,
2. Development of the talents of Brothers in order to better serve the Order,
3. Invest in the technological tools needed to advance into the future,
4. Recruit new members,
5. Expand relationships with other Veteran's organizations, and
6. Foster and maintain our relationship with the community.

Brothers are invited to submit ideas to their Camp Commander for adoption by the camp. The camp, then, should complete the application for a Charge Bayonets! Grant and submit it to the Department team. The Department will consider proposals. Funded projects will be announced on Remembrance Day. Project grants amounts are not restricted, however, a limited amount - \$2,000 - has been approved for the total program for MY2007-2008. The Department would like to fund 3 or 4 projects.

XII. Treasurer's Report:

Certificate of Deposit:	\$ 2,283.99
Checking	803.27
Cash	194.00
Check outstanding	(8.20)
Savings	<u>1,502.89</u>
Total Camp Funds	\$ 4,774.95

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer report; motion passed. Pass the hat resulted in \$44.00

XIII. Camp Officer Installation: The below listed Camp elected and appointed officer for 2008 were installed by Department Commander Derr.

Camp Commander - Paul David Arnold
Senior Vice Commander – Wendel Peabody
Junior Vice Commander – William Haines
Secretary – Keith Harrison, PCinC
Treasurer – Brian Shumway, PCC
Camp Council – George Roux, Dana Traub, and Ron Shull, PCC.
Patriotic Instructor – Ron Shull, PCC
Chaplain – George Roux
Counselor – James B. Pahl, PCinC
Guide – Lavern Aves
Color Bearer – Ken Russeau
Graves Registration and Memorials Officer – Mark Hoffman
Eagle Scout Coordinator – Dave Rehkoph

Absent were Camp Historian Scott Shattuck and Camp Guard David Smith. Job descriptions (from the National Website) were distributed to the installed officers.

Pictures were taken of all the officers

installed during the meeting

The Camp had previously elected its delegates and alternates to the April Department Encampment at the November 2007 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted in
Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Camp Secretary
(pcinc@prodigy.net)

XIV. Closing Ritual: The Camp was closed by Camp Commander Arnold at 9:00 PM.

